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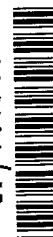
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For: IMAGING DEVICE, AUTOMATIC FOCUSING METHOD AND RECORDING
MEDIUM ON WHICH A PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Enclosed are:

X A specification consisting of 36 pages

X 9 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings

X An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee

X Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

X Executed Declaration X Original Photocopy

 Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

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